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SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW IN HISTORY

SUCCESSFUL YEAR ENDED WITH GRADUATION EXERCISES ON FRIDAY EVENING.

BACCALAUREATE WAS SUNDAY

One of the Finest Addresses Ever Made to Paw Paw Class Was Delivered by Rev. Heaton on Paw Paw.

The rink was filled to capacity last Friday night for the annual commencement exercises. At the appointed hour the class, twenty in number, marched down the center aisle to the strains of Fischer's orchestra and took their places with the members of the school board on the platform. The program as announced in these columns last week was carried out to the letter, and every member who had a part in the program did exceptionally well. It would be difficult to single out any individual member of the class for special mention as every one was a credit to the school and the community. The diplomas were presented by Superintendent Kaye in a few well chosen words, and the high school year of 1917 was history.

Never has a place of graduation in Paw Paw been decorated in a more pleasing and artistic manner. American flags were hung from the walls, and Japanese lanterns lighted the stage, while the class motto "Push. Don't Be Pushed" had a conspicuous place at the rear of the platform. Mrs. Leo Warner had charge of the decorations, and the result of her painstaking labor was most satisfactory to the class and to those who saw them.

Commencement week proper began on the Sunday evening prior to graduation day with a Baccalaureate address at the M. E. church. Rev. C. H. Heaton of the Baptist church delivered the address, which was one of the best ever given to a Paw Paw class. It was a strong appeal to the young ladies and gentlemen of the class and delivered in a scholarly and impressive manner. Rev. Heaton is one of the strong speakers of the county.

Tuesday night was Alumni night, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

Wednesday evening was class night, with an address by Prof. D. B. Waldo, of the Western State Normal. The subject of Mr. Waldo's address was "Patriotism and War", and it is to be regretted that every person in the community could not have heard it. Prof. Waldo is an orator of note, and the address was a masterpiece. Owing to other attractions and the fact that very little publicity was given the event, the crowd was very small indeed and a very poor reception to give to a distinguished speaker of Mr. Waldo's caliber.

This closed the school year, which has been one of the most successful in the history of the school. The instructors and pupils are all taking a well earned vacation now, and will be ready for the ringing of the school bell again next September.

STREET MEETING FRIDAY

NIGHT MILITARY SPEECH. Bud Proctor, George Doubleday, Lieutenant Myers and two other Kalamazoo members of the National Guard were in Paw Paw Wednesday enroute to Watervliet, where they went to swear in nine new recruits for the Kalamazoo companies. The boys have planned a street meeting in Paw Paw on Friday evening of this week with good speakers to awaken a little enthusiasm for the National Guard day in Kalamazoo, Saturday of this week. The Paw Paw band will go to Kalamazoo and will probably play for the street meeting Friday night here. Saturday will be a great day for Kalamazoo and it is probable that many from this community will be in attendance.

Herbert Bassett has completed his course and is now a graduate from the engineering department of the U. of M. He is home for a short vacation before taking up his new duties with the Westinghouse Electrical company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

KALAMAZOO COMPANY PLAN

OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Corp. A. B. Peeler, in charge of the United States army recruiting office in Kalamazoo, has planned a Kalamazoo County Day, on which a special effort will be made to obtain for the army desirable young men who are either residents of the county or who come to enlist as the friends of some of these.

As a special inducement to recruits, the war department will permit all these young men and their friends to join some certain branch of the service in order that they may all be together and not separated as is frequently the case where but two or three join at once. These recruits would go to make up a Kalamazoo county company, which would be an organization distinctive and somewhat unusual in the army.

For this company Corp. Peeler wants the very best young men to be had. He wants the organization one which the entire county can be proud of. It makes no difference whether the recruits come from the farm, the shop, factory, school or store. Only let them come, he says, and show their desire to serve their country as soldiers under the most glorious flag that ever waved.

Corp. Peeler has set Wednesday, June 27, as Kalamazoo County Day, but if there are eligible young men who wish to enroll before that time they may apply at the recruiting office in Kalamazoo, over 122 West Main street, and if these recruits so request they will be assigned to the Kalamazoo county company.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE.

A miscellaneous shower was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, on Saturday evening, June 16th, at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Gliddenburg. About one hundred and twenty-five relatives and friends were present to enjoy a pleasant evening and join in wishing this estimable young couple a most happy and prosperous life. Many beautiful and useful gifts were left in token of their regard.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married in Joliet, Illinois on May 25th. Mrs. Smith, formerly Miss Freda Easign, is the daughter of Mr. John Easign of Arlington, and by her pleasing personality has won many friends.

Mr. Smith, who is a graduate of the Paw Paw High School and Western State Normal, is now a Manual training teacher in Joliet, Illinois where they will be at home after September 1st.

DO YOU KNOW THAT PAW PAW ONCE HAD OIL WELL LUXURY?

How many people in Paw Paw know that at one time this place was the scene of active oil well operations and that there was in existence a company known as "The Paw Paw River Valley Petroleum Company"? We have on our desk a certificate of stock showing that John Sirrine was the owner of two shares of stock of the value of \$25.00 each in such a company. The certificate is number 3, was issued at Paw Paw May 18th, 1865 and signed by F. W. Manning, President and Chandler Richards, Secretary. There is a 25 cent revenue stamp attached to the certificate.

REV. CARMAN AND FAMILY IN ALBION FOR COMMENCEMENT.

Rev. A. O. Carman and family motored to Albion Tuesday, where they witnessed the graduation of their daughter, Theo, on Thursday evening. Miss Theo has made a splendid record in the college, and has been assistant to some member of the faculty during the past three years. She was named as alternate in the contest for a scholarship at the U. of M. She has accepted a position as teacher of English in the city schools of Lapeer. Mr. Carman will stop in Pottersville for a visit with his father enroute home.

Mrs. Olive C. Dean passed away at the State Hospital in Kalamazoo last Sunday, aged 92 years. The remains were brought here on Monday, and the funeral held from the Baptist church on Tuesday, Rev. C. H. Heaton officiating. Burial was in the Wildey cemetery. The aged lady was formerly a resident of Paw Paw and Lawrence and well known here.

Is Your Name Written There?

Contribute Your "Bit" to the Red Cross Society. It is a Sacred and Humanitarian Duty.

It is high time now that everybody awaked to the seriousness of the war situation. The machinery for raising an army is in working order, and there is no question now about that. The army will be raised, equipped and sent to the front as per the plans of the war department. But the army is only a part of the program, but there is a greater and more sacred duty to be performed by those at home. The army will be raised anyway. That has been provided for by law and is obligatory. The other end of the situation is voluntary. There is not a man or woman who does not know of the humanitarian duties of the Red Cross society, and the Red Cross campaign is now on this week. The president has asked that a fund for this branch of the service be raised to the amount of \$100,000,000. Van Buren county's share of this sum is \$20,000. The Paw Paw branch of this society started the drive last Saturday, and from early morning until late at night the work went on. As a result of the effort of the lady members of the society, a fund of over \$600.00 was raised. But that is not enough. If a fund of \$20,000 is to be raised in this county, it will be necessary for Paw Paw to raise not less than \$4,000.00. Chairman Anderson called a meeting of the business men Wednesday afternoon to talk over the situation, and a committee of seven will be appointed to devise ways and means for raising this amount. This is not a begging proposition. It is a sacred and humanitarian duty. War is a serious business, and no one knows what sacrifices we will all be called on to make before it is over. If you can't fight, you must give. But this appeal for the Red Cross is mighty important. Eventually we must all give, probably more than we dream of now, but we must start right, be loyal and patriotic. If we cannot go to the front to fight in the trenches, we certainly should be willing to contribute our bit to alleviate the suffering of those who do go. Every citizen in the county should come forward promptly and give liberally for this appeal. The registration was a success; the Liberty Bonds were over subscribed and the Red Cross appeal, the most important of them all, should meet with a more hearty response than all the rest.

Following is the financial statement for Paw Paw and the list of subscribers to date:

RECEIPTS.

In general fund.....\$ 97.58
Received from membership..... 515.00

Amount on hand to date.....\$612.58

CHARTER MEMBERS.

David Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Irene Lane, Dr. W. F. Hoyt, Chas. Lake, H. D. Spicer, C. H. Heaton, B. E. O'Grady, C. A. Wolffs, O. H. Killefer.

ANNUAL MEMBERS--\$1.00.

F. B. Marr, Frank Isbell, P. A. Chaffee, Lynn Free, Will Payne, Will Showerman, Gertrude Weston, George Weston, Harry Waters, Lynn Downing, F. H. McLean, Mrs. Julia Whitney, Will Longwell, L. E. Griffith, Horace O'Dell, Marie Williams, L. H. Bassett, H. W. Barner, R. R. Cox, John Marshall, Harry Butler, Jesse Lamson, A. E. VanVleck, Fred Showerman, Grant McFarland, Elizabeth Young, Byron Sowle, Mrs. Byron Sowle, Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson, John Burns, Mrs. Anna Tuttle, Mrs. M. Bailey, Mrs. George Hutchins, Beatrice Bale, Nellie Harrington, Leon Douglas, Mrs. Will Gorton, Mrs. C. E. Sheffield, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Clark, Maxwell Jennings, Mrs. A. T. Foote, Mrs. Jessie Barton, Mrs. Fannie Woodman, Lena Irey, F. L. Miller, C. W. VanTassel, Sr., M. V. Scranton, Mrs. F. L. Miller, Dorothy Tuttle, Fred Graham, G. W. Lewis, Cora Waters, Will Pike, A. O. Carman, E. D. Johnson, Eugene Cooley, Martha Thayer, Harvey Cooley, Harry Longwell, H. D. Wright, Mrs. M. L. McKinstry, Tom Brown, E. R. Laverty, Mrs. E. Bailey, M. Huey, C. G. Campbell, Wallace Hartley, E. C. Hawley, A. W. Showerman, A. M. DeVall, Laura Loveland, Franc Warner, Mrs. Bertha North, Mrs. A. W. Showerman, Mrs. Hazel Bailey, Mrs. Henry Holt, Mrs. N. H. Bangs, Mrs. D. Morrison, Fred Holt, Elizabeth Lotts, John Sherman, Mrs. David McCann, Mrs. Wm. Mason, Florence Kelley, Mrs. J. C. Warner,

SEVENTY THOUSAND MEN ARE NEEDED FOR REGULAR ARMY.

Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, sends out the following statement in regard to the need of the regular army at the present time:

The cavalry, engineers, coast artillery, signal corps and quartermaster corps of the regular army have already been brought to war strength.

45,000 recruits are needed at once to complete the new regiments of infantry and field artillery.

25,000 additional recruits are desired at the earliest practicable date to fill vacancies in order that the war strength of 300,000 men may be maintained.

Facilities are in readiness for placing these 70,000 men under proper training.

Any delay in obtaining this number will necessarily cause the loss of invaluable time.

It is the earnest desire of the war department that 70,000 single men between the ages of 18 and 40, who have no dependents and who are not engaged in professions, business, or trades vitally necessary to the prosecution of the war, be enlisted in the regular army before the 30th of June, 1917.

RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED ALUMNI MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Paw Paw Alumni association was held at the Maple City club rooms on Tuesday evening of last week. It was in the nature of a reception this year, with a short program and light refreshments. A goodly number of the association were present, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Clara Rennie, president; Mrs. T. J. Cavanaugh, vice president; Miss Mildred Shepard, secretary and treasurer; Floyd Hobbs, essayist; Paul Smith, orator.

Resolutions were passed in memory of the departed members of the association. The resolutions signed by the committee, A. Lynn Free and Clara S. A. Rennie are as follows:

In the midst of the pleasures of this evening, it is fitting that we pause for a moment in loving tribute to those valued members who since last we met have exchanged life temporal for life eternal. Intellectual greatness, social distinction and worldly success may elicit praise and admiration but it is pre-eminence of mind and heart together that compels our highest homage and leaves the fragrance of lives honored and successful because useful to both humanity and God. It has been well said that to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Their faces will be missed at our annual gatherings but their strong and sweet influences will long remain to stimulate us to greater accomplishments for the world's good. Because they still live on, we will not "Say Good-night" to them "But in some brighter clime, Bid them Good-morning."

As a tribute of respect from this Association, your Committee presents the following resolutions for your action this evening:

Whereas, within the past year death has removed from our Association Floyd Hiestand of the class of 1904; Dr. Roy Fiske of the class of 1905; Charles T. Mason of the class of 1885; Mrs. Harriet Quarterman Gorton of the class of 1902 and an honorary member; Reverend Edward H. Harvey; all highly esteemed members, who on account of their distinction, their literary attainments, their many courtesies and kindly services extended to this Association have repeatedly given us social pleasure and intellectual improvement.

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, that we, the members of the Paw Paw High School Alumni Association, in this our annual meeting, do hereby express our sincere appreciation of their characters, their services, their cordial hospitality, and our sorrow in the loss of these highly esteemed and honored members.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Secretary of this Association enter these resolutions in the records of our meeting and that a copy be published in the local press.

LA VYERS HAVE CLOSING BUG TOO

Following the example set by the county officers in closing the county offices on Saturday afternoons, the attorneys of this village have signed an agreement to close their offices to the public each Saturday afternoon from June 23rd to September 1st inclusive.

SELICK RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

STOCK SOLD TO J. D. RIEDE OF HASTINGS WHO INAUGURATES A CLOSING OUT SALE.

BUSINESS STARTED IN 1857

Frank W. Seltick Was First Proprietor W. R. Seltick in Charge of Business Since 1889.

W. R. Seltick has sold his dry goods stock and will retire from active business. J. D. Riede of Hastings, is now the owner, and the store is closed for the purpose of marking goods and getting everything in readiness for the big closing out sale which will start next Thursday, June 28. Mr. Riede states that every article in this large stock of goods will be marked down, and it is his intention to close out the entire stock within twenty days. A full page "ad" in this issue will give the complete details of the sale.

The Seltick store has been one of the landmarks in Van Buren county. It was opened for business in 1857, by Frank W. Seltick. In 1861 Wm. J. Seltick purchased an interest in the business, the firm name then being F. W. and W. J. Seltick. A few years later, F. W. Seltick retired from the business, and Robert Seltick entered the firm, it becoming then W. J. and R. Seltick. This partnership existed until 1884, when Robert Seltick sold his interest and moved to Lockport, New York. The business was then continued by Wm. J. Seltick as sole proprietor. About the year 1889, W. R. Seltick was admitted into partnership with his father, the firm name then becoming W. J. Seltick and Son, which continued until the year 1900, when the senior member of the firm retired, leaving W. R. Seltick as sole proprietor and owner. The business was continued by him from that time until the present. For a number of years, W. R. Seltick's health has not been robust, and he is now situated so he can retire from the business, take care of himself and enjoy his remaining days. The Seltick store has always borne the reputation of being one of the best in Van Buren county, and in years gone by, it was no uncommon thing for customers to come to this store from all parts of the county. It is with regret on the part of the entire community that this store is to close, and that Mr. Seltick is to retire from active business, but we are pleased to announce that Paw Paw is to be the Seltick's home, and that now he will have more leisure time to mingle with his legion of friends.

We are unable to announce the future of the store. Mr. Riede, the owner of the business, states that the entire stock which is large and complete in every detail, will be closed out. As already stated the sale starts next week Thursday. Mr. Riede is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and it is hoped that he may engage in a permanent mercantile business here.

YEIDER IS AFTER EVERY SPEED MANIAC IN COUNTRY.

Deputy Sheriff Yeider still keeps up the good work in the crusade against the "Speed Bugs." Since last week's issue of this paper, 50 arrests have been made for violating the speed limit laws of the state. That makes a total of about 70 convictions since Officer Yeider assumed his new duties. Yeider was criticized quite severely in a recent issue of the Bangor Advance, and charged with drawing a gun on one of the reputable citizens of that village in making an arrest. Yeider denies the allegation; says he needs no gun and furthermore has not had a gun of any kind on his person since assuming his duties as special deputy. Naturally he feels the unjust criticism keenly and it is probable that the end is not yet.

Iron Rust soap will remove all stains when other experiments have failed. For sale by the ladies of the Coterie.

Mrs. Flora Welch of Grand Rapids, spent a few days during the past week with friends here.

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